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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UR, US
SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL CABLE TO VLADIMIR SLEPAK

REF: MOSCOW 16702

1. ON OCTOBER 24 SLEPAK GAVE EMBOFF TEXT OF REPLY TO CABLE HE HAD RECEIVED (REFTEL). SLEPAK TOLD US THAT HE HAD SENT ANSWERING TELEGRAM FROM MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL POST OFFICE ON OCTOBER 24. HE HAD GRAVE DOUBTS THAT IT WOULD EVER REACH ITS DESTINATION. SLEPAK PLANS THEREFORE TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF BOTH CABLES TO THE WESTERN PRESS CORPS AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 25.

2. WE GAVE SLEPAK NO COMMITMENT TO TRANSMIT HIS REPLY, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS TEXT TO ITS ADDRESSEE.

3. BEGIN TEXT. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR CONCERN IN OUR FATE.

4. HAVING RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM WE WERE MOVED BY THE FACT THAT WHILE YOU ARE OCCUPIED WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER AS YOUR CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENT YOU STILL FOUND TIME TO EXPRESS TO US YOUR CONCERN WITH OUR PROBLEMS.

5. THREE OF THE THIRTEEN JEWS BEATEN UP ON OCTOBER 21: VICTOR ELISTRATOV, MICHAEL KREMEN AND ARKADY POLISHCHUK HAVE BEEN
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JAILED FOR FIFTEEN DAYS. THE FATE OF THE FOURTH ONE, BORIS

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CHERNOBILSKY, WHO IS ALSO IN PRISON, IS NOT KNOWN AND CAUSES SERIOUS CONCERN.

6. THE SITUATION IS ESPECIALLY WORRYING BECAUSE OF THE STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR SHCHELOKOV, WHO TOLD US THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE OUR SAFETY FROM PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.

7. WE HOPE THAT YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL INFLUENCE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO FULFILL IT OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS. RESPECTFULLY, VLADIMIR SLEPAK, MOSCOW, USSR END TEXT.

8. WE WERE INFORMED THAT SLEPAK WAS ARRESTED AT ABOUT 11 A.M. OCTOBER 25.
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